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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 12 8:45 a.m.	Cougar Pride Committee Meeting
Jan. 12	Muffins for Moms (Preschool- Kindergarten)
Jan. 16	MLK Holiday No School
Jan. 26	Winter Fun Day

The Cougar Chronicle

Mrs. Young's Message

Wow! Where did the year go? The holiday season has come and gone. This is the time of year that I start to reflect on the past year. What has been good and what has not been so good? There are milestones that have been celebrated, birthdays that have been celebrated and lives that have been celebrated. It has been a year of happiness and sadness. However, I always remember that my Heavenly Father is in control. He blesses us daily.

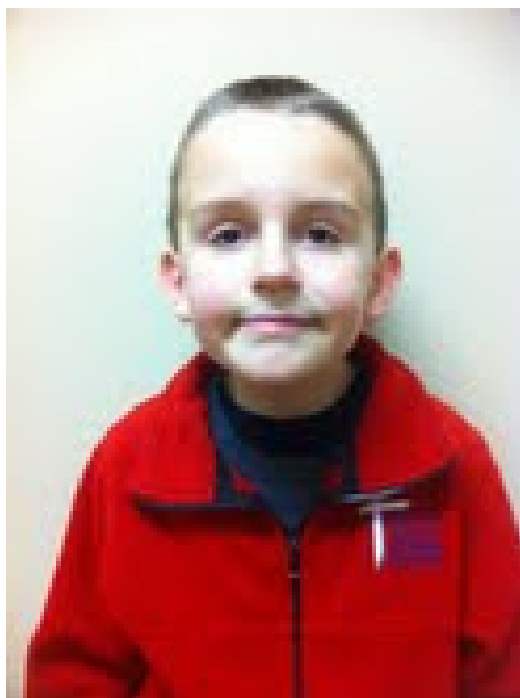
We have just finished the time of year that Christians celebrate Jesus' birth. I love that it is easy to talk to our friends and neighbors about Jesus. I love that spending time with family is a priority. Life on this earth is for a season, take time to enjoy the good times. Remembering our heavenly Father and the gift of his Son helps me focus on the family time that we will spend together in eternity.

Please be praying for our school in this New Year. We are growing and growing. I ask that you pray for those making decisions about joining the NTCA family. It is an exciting time to be at NTCA!



See page 3 to find out what these student are looking at!

Cougars of the Month



November

Cory Tennison

Fourth Grade

Cory is an outstanding citizen to have in his class. He is always very caring to his classmates and wants to make sure he helps them when needed. He is also very helpful to the teacher. When he is assigned a job, he rarely needs to be reminded, but is very responsible in carrying out his job on his own. He even sees needs others don't realize, and finds ways to meet those needs on his own! He definitely goes the "extra mile" to show a Christian attitude.

October

Keegan McWatters

Kindergarten

Keegan is a helpful student in Mrs. Hart's classroom and is a good rule follower. He always has a smile on his face when the class is learning. He comes up with creative answers and thinks really hard about what he wants to say. Thank you Keegan for being a good example of God's character of creativity!



4-H News



At our 4-H meeting on November 15th, we discussed the importance of cleanliness in the kitchen. We experimented in the kitchen making a healthy snack using corn tortillas, fat-free refried beans, low-fat cheese, and salsa. Each 4-Her was able to make one of their own and enjoy it. It was a big hit!

If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, please contact Marie Hoke. This year, 4-H is separate from Cougar Camp, and anyone who wishes to join the fun needs to enroll.



Overheard at the Thanksgiving Feast:

What are students doing over the break?

Schelby, 7th: Planning to go to the Gaylord Texan to have fun and spend time together

Wyatt, 2nd: Help Uncle Nate with painting. Ride horses. Go to Main Event!

Zaria, 2nd: Put pictures of the turkey on the wall. Put headdress in dad's office. Take pictures.

Alex, Kinder: Play on DS and Wii. Play with sisters.

Kaitlyn, 2nd: Go to Nana's house and eat Thanksgiving dinner. Rebuild a fence.

Sara Z, 6th: Go to Grandpa's house for Thanksgiving. Might visit Branson, MO.

Cub's Corner

Preschoolers had their class Christmas parties and gift exchanges at 1:30 on Dec 15th

That night, the preschool students participated in this year's Christmas Program. They took the stage at 7:00, just before the Christmas play, and helped get everyone in the Christmas Spirit.

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and made the most of your time with family and friends! It's great to see everyone back on January 3, 2012.



December News from the Classrooms

Kindergarten Readiness will continue working on their consonants and blends. We will also begin our big Animal Unit. We will also celebrate Christmas Around the World the last week of school before the break.

Kindergarten will be learning about Christmas traditions in several countries and we will be reading several books and doing fun activities too. We will also be learning about Jesus' birth and the meaning that has for us. We are excited about the upcoming Christmas Musical with Mrs. Lokey.

Second graders have been learning how to read and compute story problems in math. We have been learning about how animals keep themselves safe and are beginning to learn about fossils and extinct animals. We are reading the Magic Tree House book Buffalo Before Breakfast, and finishing our unit on Native Americans. We reached our cougar paw goal, and celebrated with a pajama day complete with a movie, popcorn, and cookies!

Third grade is finishing up their novel study this month for Courage of Sarah Noble. We will be doing some really neat activities the week before Christmas break. We will be learning how different countries celebrate Christmas!

Fourth Grade will be quite busy in the month of December. They are finishing the last chapters of their novel, Sign of the Beaver. They have learned so much about Matt and how he survived on his own, how he got to know the young Indian boy, and learned so much about surviving in the wilderness. Their math includes fun geometry. They will also be learning about the journey of Texas from Republic to a state in the U.S.

The week of the 12th through 16th, fourth grade will be exploring Christmas around the World. They will learn about customs and traditions in several countries. The class is finishing the week with a Polar Express Day and a fun party to end the semester.

Social Studies Fifth grade students will be studying the American Revolution.

Math News

5th - Students will complete a unit of study on calculating the volume of rectangular prisms and begin exploring how to find the volume of other 3-D shapes.

6th - Students will be comparing and finding equivalent fraction, decimals, and percents.

7th - Students will use decimal and fraction operations to solve problems.

8th - Students will use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems about distance and different types triangles.

Students of the Week

Oct. Virtue: Creativity

Nov. Virtue: Gratitude

Dec. Virtue: Generosity

October 24

Seth Autry
Jackson Jones
Dylan Shaw
Aidan Jump
Keegan McWatters
William Allan

November 1

Evah Luv Mendoza
Dylan Ndoko
Bradey Zimmerman
Trinity Cristina
Haylee Winstead
Jasmine Grissom
Hagen Venhaus

November 7

Masyn Hoke
Bailey Foster
Hayden Winstead
Cory Tennison
Hayden Hardin
Lucas Sawyer
Lance Fidelman

November 14

Samuel Oliveira
Avari McWatters
Morgan Pettway
Michael Wolgamott
Sara Zimmerman
Brennan Owens
Noah Lokey

November 28

Aspen Nicholls
Mara Dooley
Masyn Hoke
Caleb Chacon
Zachary Kearl
Aaron Frieling
Grant Fletcher

December Virtue and Verse

Generosity

Making someone's day by giving something away.

1 Timothy 6:18

Be rich in good deeds. Be generous and willing to share.

January Virtue and Verse

Self-Control

Choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.

James 1:19

My dear brothers and sisters, pay attention to what I say. Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry.

December 5

Brooks Nelson
Lucas Sawyer
Lucy Ranney
Averi Carlson
Thomas Klovstad
Rex Dooley
Garrett Kirkconnell

December 12

Joanna Oliveira
Kaitlyn Frieling
McKen Adkins
Cora Brewer
Justin Kirkconnell



4-H in the kitchen

History Museum at NTCA



Justin recreated the Alamo prison. No actual students were imprisoned.

The halls of NTCA were transformed into an interactive History Museum last month by the students in fifth thru eighth grades. Each grade had a theme, and students created exhibits to teach about their subject. Students in the other grades toured the museum.

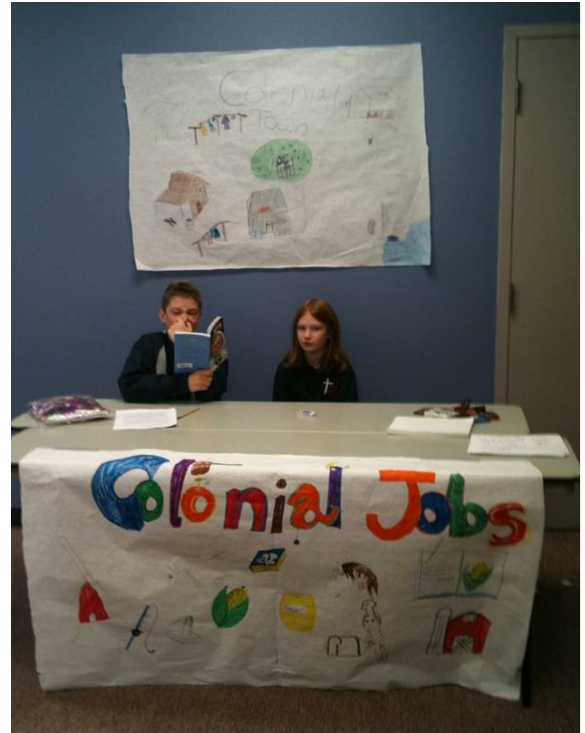
5th grade did colonial projects about colonial life. The students who came through their portion learned about colonial instruments, colonial clothes, colonial food, colonial jobs, activities, and the farm.

6th grade did projects about Egypt. We had projects from Pharaohs to Pyramids in this section. Students learned about Egyptian gods and goddesses, and hieroglyphics as well.

7th grade changed our classroom into the famous Alamo. Students learned about early Texas missions, and the rooms that were in the Alamo. They learned about the prison, the quarters, and the chapel.

8th grade did projects about the first settlements in the United States. Students learned about Jamestown, and Roanoke.

We had a great day, and both the visitors and the museum creators learned a lot about history.



Erika and Grant created activities to teach about colonial times.



Mark teaches his visitors about the first settlements.



Foreground: Preston shows off hieroglyphics
Background: Sara creates clay pyramids

Thanksgiving Program and Feast

The Thanksgiving program and feast was a very special time for the NTCA families and staff. Each grade had a part in the program. First grade gave us facts about Indian and Pilgrim life. Second grade presented their own humorous take on Thanksgiving recipes, with such innovations as pies cooked at 1000 degrees, and steaks cooked for 20 hours. Third grade shared what they are thankful for, with God, family, and friends topping many lists. Fourth grade spelled out Thanks in a poem. Fifth thru eight presented a very funny skit, a send-up of Thanksgiving written by Dezri.

Following the program, everyone gathered for a delicious catered meal served by teachers and staff. The tables were wonderfully decorated, and featured place-mats and place settings created by the students.

Pictures Next Month!

4-H In the Kitchen



January Lunchroom Volunteers

See below for needs!

Please contact Rachel Keller to volunteer in the lunchroom.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 <i>NO SCHOOL- CHRISTMAS BREAK</i>	3 <i>Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney</i>	4 <i>Anndria Wilson Allen Keller</i>	5 <i>Anne Cully Rachel Keller</i>	6 <i>Sharon Dunlap Nathan Wilson</i>
9 <i>Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer</i>	10 <i>Colleen Haaland Rachel Keller</i>	11 <i>Sigrid Bandon Colleen Haaland</i>	12 <i>Anne Cully Holly Milstead</i>	13 <i>Ken Dunlap Volunteer Needed!</i>
16 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	17 <i>Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney</i>	18 <i>Tammy Zimmerman Allen Keller</i>	19 <i>Anne Cully Brenda Bartlett</i>	20 <i>Sharon Dunlap Nathan Wilson</i>
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30 <i>Kelly Chacon Rebecca Castro</i>	31 <i>Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney</i>			

Students Fill the Pantry

The 2nd Annual NTCA Scavenger Hunt Service Project was a big success! Many thanks to all the students who participated. We were able to collect more than 1000 non-perishable items this year. 2nd grade collected 249 total items and the most variety, 63 different items.

The top three individual collectors are:
#1 Schelby Sheffey 7th grade -66 items
#2 Zachary Kearl 3rd grade -50 items
#3 Mark Haaland 8th grade -44 items

The food pantry has been serving the community for about 6 years. The pantry has been serving High Pointe Church of Christ for as long as anyone can remember. It is stocked with donations from many sources, including NTCA. and is maintained by HPCOC and many volunteers. Each week, an average of 70 families are served.

Well done Cougars! You are a blessing to others!



Second grade collected 249 items



Mark, Zachary, and Schelby were the top collectors





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Love, Learn, Live

We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Help Earn Money for NTCA!

- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ Clip and save "Box Tops for Education" codes from products
- ⇒ Save Capri Sun pouches

Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, social and spiritual experience.



Preschool Lunch



NTCA 4-H Club